would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Production of household remedies by drug manufacturers

1833. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the article captioned 'In Harm's Way' which appeared in 'Illustrated Weekly, of 7th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that multinational drug companies are only concentrating on the production of household remedies, tonics, digestives and harmones, which are out of price control;

(c) names of household remedies, Tonics, appetite stimulants, Harmones preparations being marketed by Richardson Hindustan, John Wyeth, Wyeth Labs Infar, Glaxo and Pfizer, sales turn over of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what was the price of equagesic tablets was fixed; and

(e) if so, when and what price of Ethoheptazione Citrate was taken and whether indigenous or imported while working the price of tablets and the mark up allowed?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Multinational drug companies are producing a wide range of medicines, which include many price controlled medicines and essential drugs.

(c) Product-wise sales turnover of the Companies is not monitored.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

High prices of decontrolled medicines

1834. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of decontrolled medicines have gone up from 100 per cent to 400 per cent during the last three to four years;

(b) if so, what were the prices of each pack of proluton Injection, Electroxin Tablets, Vicks Cough Drops, Rubex Ointment, Vicks Vaporub, Halls Lozeases, Dulcolex, Merckenzyme Tablets, Penzynorm Tablets, Testroviron, Listerine, Sloans, Balm, Ferradol, Molzyme, Tyotocin Drops, Stenetil, Hydergine, Mixogen, Deca Durabolin, Fertabolin, Mexibolin, Testanon, Cough Syrups in 1979 and what are their prices in June, 1985 and what is the percentage increase;

(c) whether it is also a fact that apart from above other essential medicines based on Ethmbutol, Pyrazinamide, Metronidazole, Cephalexin are being sold at high prices; and

(d) what are the prices fixed of major formulators based on each drug and at what prices the same are sold in the market?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The prices of formulations not specified in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are not under statutory control. The manufacturers are free to adjust their prices of such formulations from time to time. A Statement I giving the prices of some of the brands referred to as at the commencement of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, (DPCO) 1979 and as in 1985 along with percentage increase is attached.

(c) and (d) A Statement showing the leader prices, fixed under the DPCO, 1979 which are exclusive of excise duty based on the bulk drugs referred to is attached. Major formulators are also marketing these packs.